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SUBJECT: CODEL O'NEILL: GIEREK'S OFFER TO GIVE THE U.S.
GIFTS OF STATUES OF KOSCIUSZKO AND PULASKI

REF: WARSAW 2575

1. AS THE DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE NOTED, DURING THEIR APRIL 22 MEETING, FIRST SECRETARY GIEREK TOLD CODEL O'NEILL THAT, IN COMMEMORATION OF THE BICENTENNIAL, THE POLISH PEOPLE WISHED TO GIVE THE U.S. PEOPLE STATUES OF KOSCIUSZKO AND PULASKI. SPEAKING IN BEHALF OF THE CODEL, CONGRESSMAN DAN ROSTENKOWSKI SAID THAT, WHEN THE MAJORITY LEADER RETURNED TO WASHINGTON, HE WOULD TELL THE PRESIDENT ABOUT POLAND'S GRACIOUS GESTURE.

2. THIS IS THE FIRST WE HAVE HEARD OF THIS INTENTION. BEFORE THE PRESIDENT RESPONDS TO THE OFFER, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF WE HAD MORE INFORMATION ABOUT IT. FOR EXAMPLE, WE HAVE NO IDEA AT WHAT STAGE THE PRODUCTION OF THE STATUES MAY BE. IF, AS IS QUITE POSSIBLE, THIS IDEA IS ONLY A RECENT ORIGIN, IT MAY BE QUITE SOME TIME BEFORE THE FINISHED STATUES ARE AVAILABLE FOR EMPLACEMENT. IN THAT CASE, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT A TOKEN CEREMONY OF PRESENTATION OR DEDICATION OF SITES COULD TAKE PLACE THIS YEAR, WHILE ACTUAL EMPLACEMENT OF THE STATUES OCCURS ONLY AT SOME FUTURE DATE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: I RECOMMEND THAT I BE AUTHORIZED
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TO APPROACH THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON APRIL 26.

I WOULD SAY THAT MAJORITY LEADER HAS NOT YET HAD A
CHANCE TO INFORM THE PRESIDENT OF THE FIRST SECRETARY'S
GENEROUS GESTURE. IN ANTICIPATION OF HIS DOING SO, I
WOULD LIKE TO HAVE FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS
MOST GENEROUS GESTURE.
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